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Dialogue Among Friends

Mark Antony: Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; Come I to speak in Caesar’s funeral. He was my friend, faithful and just to me.

RFK: I would only say that I can also feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling.

Mark Antony: The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones; so let it be with Caesar.

RFK: In this difficult day, in this difficult time for the United States and Rome, it’s perhaps well to ask what kind of a nation we are and what direction we want to move in.

Mark Antony: Ambition should be made of sterner stuff.

RFK: Martin Luther King and Caesar dedicated their lives to love and to justice between fellow human beings. I have some very sad news, he died in the cause of that effort.

Mark Antony: But Brutus says he was ambition; If it were so, it was a grievous fault; And grievously hath Caesar and Martin answered it…..

RFK: Can we make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand, and to comprehend, and replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand, compassion, and love?

Mark Antony: But here I am to speak what I do know. You all did love him once, not without cause; What cause withholds you then to mourn for him?

RFK: For those of you who are black – considering the evidence evidently is that there were white people who were responsible – you can be filled with bitterness, and with hatred, and a desire for revenge.

Mark Antony: Oh judgement! thou art fled to brutish beasts.

RFK: We can move in that direction as a country, in greater polarization – black people against blacks, and white among whites, filled with hatred toward one another

Mark Antony: Men have lost their reason…Bear with me, I must pause till it come back to me.

RFK: Could you lower those signs please?

Mark Antony: My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar.

RFK: Martin Luther King was shot and killed tonight in Memphis, Tennessee